

1/29/69

Dear Paul and Gary,

We are proceeding with the DC trial. I am optimistic. While I think we will never get the combination of incredible fortunate accidents loused up in court 1/17, I think we will blow the entire thing apart, with any luck at all. Sorry not to have time to go into detail. I've taken some time this morning from reading what I've written because we are iced in and momentarily I hope it will get safe to take Lil to her work.

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Briefly, in addition to many other things, there is no doubt that there is metal in thorax, described as bullet fragments in panel report and evasively in autopsy doctors Clark report. James swore there was none after reading X-rays. There is no doubt the President was hit in the top of the head (100 mm above occipital protuberance) and that this is beyond question in second skull X-ray (first damaged, third must be better for it is not mentioned). There is clear possibility two head shots will show close to same place. I've checked this with local X-ray technician, local radiologist then with Wecht, who is excited. I've given him and Bud everything and they will use what they need. I want silence on rest (and on everything until Bud uses in court—we are not even giving to press until after judge has chance to read) in hope of being able to sell. Giving to judge, with exhibits, Friday. Wecht is helping. he and Foreman technical experts (Foreman on neck, etc.)

We almost didn't get this back into court. It is more mad, more insane, than anything yet? It will have to await person-to-person account, for a mutual friend is involved. It is absolutely beyond description. I doubt you will believe it when you hear it. Because I anticipated, having held a certain opinion of friend for some time. I was able to take certain preliminary and ultimate steps that enabled. I know it doesn't make sense. Simply incredible!

The enclosures may tell you a little.

I've started to copy the material Gary got from Archives. As rapidly as I can with the urgent DC priority and the condition of my overworked machine I'll complete and send.

I have copies of this new material for both of you. When I can dig out and be sure it is complete, I will send. Check list for you: Boswell letter, court brief, autopsy doc new report, Rhoads aff with contract, 18pp panel report. I'm pretty harried right now so when you get, if you do not have all of this, tell me what you lack. When there are extra copies of Bud's brief, you'll get.

There is a memo of transfer, between whom not indicated, April 1965. Archives holding out. Haven't gotten in 10 days. Asked three times. They'll regret. It'll look worse when they hold back now.

No front neck pictures. Can't find my clippings on return pix, X-rays circa 11/1/66. If either of you has news accounts with numbers, please rush copies. Nothing adds up and when we are in court, which should be few days after papers are filed, is the time to use. I really think it will be much more difficult for press to hold this back, esp. if they are there in the numbers of 1.17. They also held back ~~pictures~~ X-rays extremities, which makes me wonder fragments, esp hands, etc. They were taken. As I earlier said, non-fatal not traced. Panel as corrupt as doctors. They knew and skirted, trying only to keep themselves in clear.

In haste,

Harold